

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL**

July 17, 2002

**ATTENDEES:**

Joseph E. Jozefczyk, Braddock District  
Kevin J. Fay, Dranesville District  
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District  
Barbara R. Lowrey, Mason District  
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District  
Tony Cummings, Alternate, Springfield District  
David Lacey, Sully District  
Elizabeth Bradsher, Member-At-Large  
Roger Sims, Fairfax County Baseball/Softball Council  
Sharon Sealock, Alternate, Fairfax County Adult Softball Council  
C. McClain Haddow, Fairfax County Youth Basketball  
John Nolan, Fairfax County Soccer Advisory Council  
Sally Entlich, Fairfax County Women's Sports Programs  
Patricia Franckewitz, Department of Community and Recreation Services  
Karen Avvisato, Department of Community and Recreation Services  
Kristen Cigler, Department of Community and Recreation Services

**ABSENTEES:**

Dick Combs, Lee District  
Wesley M. Viilo, Jr., Mount Vernon District  
Patricia Junkin, Springfield District  
J. Marcelo Gangotena, Diversity-At-Large  
Laura Harrington, Town of Clifton  
Jerry Carter, Town of Herndon  
George Ehling, Fairfax County Girls' Fast Pitch Softball  
Carl A. S. Coan, III, Adult Softball Council  
Mark Meana, Football Board of Commissioners  
Richard Miller, Fairfax County Lacrosse Council  
Tricia Johnson, Fairfax County Volleyball Council  
Richard C. Thoesen, Fairfax County Park Authority  
Kaye Kory, Fairfax County School Board

**GUESTS:** Sandy Stalman, Fairfax County Park Authority

**Meeting Opening** – A quorum was not present at 7:40 p.m.; therefore, it was decided to begin a discussion on the Needs Assessment Study while waiting for additional Council members to arrive in order to confirm the needed quorum for this meeting.

**Review of Needs Assessment** - Ms. Lowrey spoke of the need to find accurate data regarding team sports and individual sports. A large sample of data would need to be used and reviewed by CRS. CRS is working diligently to get accurate statistics for this study. Questionnaires will be sent out during the first week of August and are scheduled for return by the last week of the month. The need for accurate numbers/stats is very important and will be used to make certain the registration numbers for these sports are accurate. Ms. Lowrey confirmed that the Park Authority was also working on this project and has reviewed a draft survey. Fields and gyms are included in this survey. A total of 4800 surveys are being sent out with an anticipated return of 1600.

**Administrative Items** – A quorum was present at 7:55 p.m., and the minutes were approved as written for March, April, and June. The May minutes were approved with minor modifications at Mr. Nolan's request.

**Chairman's Report** – Mr. Lacey commented that the Council district representatives will need to meet with their supervisors to discuss the Needs Assessment Report/Study.

Mr. Sims mentioned that equity issues between baseball and softball still remain a key concern. Ms. Franckewitz stated that this should no longer be an issue as the Action Plan Review Team was briefed on this issue and a revised statement had been written. The unrefined language was a mistake on the part of CRS. The new language will be sent via e-mail for all to review and will be updated in the study.

Mr. Nolan commented that the numbers for soccer participants still remain incorrect in the Needs Assessment Study. It was pointed out to Mr. Nolan that the numbers will remain as they are stated in the study because it is believed they are current, and in the best interest of soccer. Mr. Franckewitz stated she would meet with Mr. Nolan sometime after the meeting to give further clarification on this matter.

The Gym Tasks Force reported on the issue regarding custodial support for the user groups within the gyms. At this time many custodians are not sure what groups are using the gyms and for how long such groups have the ability to use these gyms. The most difficult time for gym usage is during the weekends, and clean up must take place after the user groups have been in the school gyms. Sports groups using the gyms include badminton, volleyball and basketball. It was further reported that the school system has extended the gym use at middle schools because certain high school gyms can no longer be used.

### **Committee Reports**

***Softball Participation Statistics*** – As of now, CRS is still awaiting softball participation statistics. Due to this need and the lack of response from the softball representatives, a certified letter will be sent to softball organizations in an attempt to gather this data.

**90-Foot Field Subcommittee** - BRYC baseball continues to have problems with field allocations and assignments. A warning will be sent out by CRS in order to fairly allocate such fields. Mr. Sims stated that the 90' field subcommittee met with Bruce Patrick, Fairfax County Public Schools, to discuss field maintenance. The meeting was comprehensive in content, and several areas of concern were discussed. Mr. Sims reported that it was a very positive meeting. As a result, Mr. Lacey suggested it would be helpful if Mr. Patrick could be present at a future Council meeting to discuss this issue further.

### **Matters of Interest**

**Board of Supervisors** – CRS spoke with Mr. Anthony Griffin, County Executive, regarding the Field Policy. He has made several comments regarding the policy, and the policy will be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors for their final approval.

**Fairfax County Public Schools** – The new representative to the Council for FCPS is Ms. Ernestine Heastie from the Providence District. It was noted that she would need to attend future Council meetings.

**Fairfax County Park Authority** – The FCPA has met with Mr. Tom Brady, Assistant Superintendent, Facility Services, FCPS, regarding school fields and options for school fields and mowing maintenance. This is currently being discussed and reviewed by Mr. Brady. It is CRS's intention to move forward on this issue and resolve any problem areas between CRS, FCPA and FCPS.

**Community and Recreation Services** – CRS is currently working with a technology group, IPAC, to try to coordinate a scheduling system with the schools and FCPA. A criterion is currently being developed with the schools. Bruce Patrick is assisting with this project on behalf of FCPS.

It was announced that the County has asked all agencies to prepare a budget indicating a 5 percent budget cut for this fiscal year. Ms. Franckewitz is asking for guidance, as well as suggestions, on areas where certain services can be cut. The County Executive has asked for a strategic plan from CRS within the near future. CRS wants to make sure that this plan addresses all pertinent department needs.

### **Action Items**

**AC-1 – Revisions to Field Policy** – The Park Authority has asked for accurate information and guidance concerning the allocation portion of the field policy. Ms. Franckewitz will be writing a letter indicating the opinion of the Council on this topic.

**AC-3 – Outstanding 800K/300K Funds** – It was mentioned that any outstanding money from the \$800K/\$300K project would be appropriated to a general fund to be used throughout the County.

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**New Business**

***Election of Officers*** – All nominations for Council officers were approved. The new officers for the year 2002/2003 were announced as David Lacey, Chairman, Barbara Lowrey, Vice Chairman, and Jerry Carter, Secretary.

***Virginia Youth Soccer Association*** – VYSA is charging an extra \$2 fee for the investigation of coaches and volunteers. This is being done on behalf of the children participating in the sport of soccer in Virginia.

**Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Bradsher  
Secretary